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Southern Pacific Depot
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PRE-REHABILITATION EXTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHS

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- CA-2278-7 Southwest façade, view to northeast, 90mm lens.
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- CA-2278-14 Detail, northeast façade, arched main window of waiting room; note quality of stonework and mortar joint tooling beneath window, representing a ca. 1937 alteration; view to southwest, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-15 Detail, northeast façade, operator's bow window and tower, showing knee braces carried on stone ancons used to support eaves, view to northwest, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-16 Detail, northeast façade, operator's bow window and tower; note condition of slates on tower skirt roof, missing section of gutter at left side of skirt roof, missing window panes; note also knee braces carried on masonry ancons; view to southwest, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-17 Detail, coupled windows in southwest façade of waiting room, view to northeast, 90mm lens.
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- CA-2278-23 Detail, ridge cresting and finial elements, deteriorated slates, southeast roof slope, view to northwest from lift-bed truck, 135mm lens.
- CA-2278-24 Roof detail from lift-bed truck, showing pan roof above breezeway, with sawn redwood trim, tube-type drains; note missing rain gutter at roof edge, deteriorated condition of slates; view to south, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-25 Detail, roof at junction of main roof and tower skirt roof; note condition of slates, subroof, missing gutter, lead pipe gutter outlet; view to northwest from lift-bed truck, 135mm lens.
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- CA-2278-27 Interior of former waiting room, now used as restaurant; only remaining original fixtures are windows and Romanesque-arched fireplace, the latter uncovered during removal of railroad-placed drywall by restaurant owner; view to south, 65mm lens.

- CA-2278-28 Interior of former waiting room, view to west-northwest, 65mm lens.
- CA-2278-29 Attic interior showing roof truss system over waiting room; note knob-and-tube wiring system; brick section at far left is rear of tower, which of brick masonry construction above the first story level, joined to the exterior walls of stone masonry; view to southeast along axis of building, 90mm lens and electronic flash illumination.
- CA-2278-30 Oblique view of attic interior, view to southwest, 65mm lens and electronic flash illumination.
- CA-2278-31 Tower interior, second story level, which served as tiny bedroom for station operator; frame visible at far left originally housed cooler vented to exterior via louvers placed in window fenestration; view to northeast, 65mm lens with electronic flash illumination.

POST-REHABILITATION EXTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHS

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- CA-2278-47 Detail, northeast façade, repaired tower skirt roof, knee braces, downspout, view to north-northwest, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-48 Detail, southeast façade, reconstructed station sign, view to northwest, 135mm lens.
- CA-2278-49 Detail, southeast and northeast façades of baggage room, view to west, 90mm lens.
- CA-2278-50 Detail, northeast façade, reconstructed baggage doors, view to southwest, 90mm lens. These doors had been removed and lost by Southern Pacific in the 1960s or 1970s, and were reconstructed using original plans and historic photos for guidance. Note also the almost immediate appearance of graffiti.